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In re the application of: Andrew S. Greenberg	Examiner: Schmidt, M.
Serial No.: 09/690,647	Group Art Unit: 1635
Filed: October 17, 2000	
For: <i>Methods for Treating and Preventing Insulin Resistance and Related Disorders</i>	Docket No.: TUV-005.01

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Response and Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2001. A Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee are filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice, and replace claims 4-6, 8-10 with the following replacement claims:

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1. **(Amended)** A method for preventing or treating a disease or condition caused, or contributed to, by lipolysis or elevated FFA levels in a subject, comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutically effective amount of an inhibitor of a [MAPK pathway] ERK1/2, a MEK or a JNK to reduce lipolysis, to thereby prevent or treat the disease or condition in the subject.
4. **(Amended)** The method of claim 3, wherein the inhibitor decreases the protein level of ERK1/2, a MEK and/or a JNK.

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